

Subject: Request Status on Wayfinding Grant & Medallions (Hollywood Media District) REPROGRAMMING

From: Media District

Date: 02/24/2016 04:56 PM

To: Carlos Rios

CC: Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>, Jim Omahen <jim@mediadistrict.org>

Dear Carlos:

Its been a while since we spoke regarding the request to "reprogram" the Wayfinding Grant. You were going to see if that was feasible. Please let me know the status.

Thank you

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From: Carlos Rios <carlos.rios@lacity.org>

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 11:18 AM

To: Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>

Cc: Lisa Schechter <lisa@mediadistrict.org>, Joseph Keung <joseph.keung@lacity.org>, Jim Omahen <jim@mediadistrict.org>, Rick Mayer <rmayer@trollermayer.com>, John Massoud <jmassoud@trollermayer.com>, Mike Malick <mike.malick@marcusmillichap.com>, Sunil Rajpal <sunil.rajpai@lacity.org>

Subject: Re: Wayfinding Grant & Medallions (Hollywood Media District)

Hello all,

I need an update in this as we are close to being inactive and are jeopardizing the funds. Please advise.

Thanks

Carlos

On Fri, Dec 11, 2015 at 5:10 PM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:

Lisa, can you provide an update?



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On Fri, Dec 11, 2015 at 4:32 PM, Carlos Rios <carlos.rios@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Dan,

Can we get the latest update on this? This project has been on hold for some time and we'd like to get some direction moving forward.

Please advise.

Thank you

Carlos

On Mon, Oct 26, 2015 at 1:52 PM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:

Joseph et al, FYI -- Lisa and I will be meeting on this next week and then we will be in further touch with you all re: next steps. Thank you for your patience.



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On Wed, Oct 21, 2015 at 3:08 PM, Media District <lisa@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

Dear Dan:

Of course I would love to meet regarding this outstanding grant. I believe that Joseph has requested an extension on the way finding grant - so that I can do the BID's due diligence in order to make an educated decision on behalf of the BID Board. Let me know what works best for you.

Regards,

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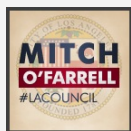
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 1:17 PM

To: Joseph Keung <joseph.keung@lacity.org>





Cc: Jim Omahen <jim@mediadistrict.org>, Carlos Rios <carlos.rios@lacity.org>, Rick Mayer <rmayer@trollermayer.com>, John Massoud <jmassoud@trollermayer.com>, Lupe Sandoval <lupe.sandoval@lacity.org>, Mike Malick <mike.malick@marcusmillichap.com>, Lisa Schechter <lisa@mediadistrict.org>

Subject: Re: Wayfinding Grant & Medallions (Hollywood Media District)

Thank you, Joseph. Since August, the HMD has a new executive director, Lisa Schechter, who is CCed here. Now that there is new leadership in place, I suggest what I had recommended previously -- a meeting of everyone here to discuss next steps. Joseph, would you still be willing to meet?



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On Tue, Oct 20, 2015 at 10:18 AM, Joseph Keung <joseph.keung@lacity.org> wrote:

To all,

I last received the email from Dan saying the HMD Board would like to proceed the project with medallions, but I did not receive any confirmation from HMD since August. I would like to know if this is the case. But let me reiterate that the original scope of the project is to install the gateway monument and wayfinding signage, and since the gateway monument is rejected by Caltrans (Santa Monica is state highway), any change in scope must be approved by Metro and Caltrans. Also, any change in scope will result in change of funding. Therefore, please let me know as soon as possible if you want to proceed with the changes. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.



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On Wed, Aug 5, 2015 at 10:47 AM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:

I believe the Board voted to continue to pursue the medallions, is that correct Steven? Please confirm... If so, I'm happy to help set up a meeting so we can assist in pushing this project through. Please let me know.

Thanks,



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On Tue, Aug 4, 2015 at 4:01 PM, Joseph Keung <joseph.keung@lacity.org> wrote:

Steven,

I would like to follow up with this project. Have your Board reached a decision regarding the project? I believe you and your Board had a meeting in late July, and I would like to know your final decision so I could notify Caltrans one way or the other. Please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.



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On Tue, Jul 21, 2015 at 10:32 AM, Steven Whiddon <steven@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

I feel it is not wise to schedule a meeting until the Board has reached a final decision—which should be later this week.

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On Jul 20, 2015, at 9:15 PM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:

How about Friday 8/7 at 10:30 AM?



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On Mon, Jul 20, 2015 at 4:56 PM, Steven Whiddon <steven@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

I am not available on that day or at that time.

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On Jul 20, 2015, at 4:46 PM, Carlos Rios <carlos.rios@lacity.org> wrote:

I am available on the 31st at 10:00 am.

Carlos

On Mon, Jul 20, 2015 at 10:08 AM, Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:

Yes, we would definitely like to meet before any decisions are made. Can folks meet on **Friday 7/31 at 10:00 AM?**

Thanks,



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On Mon, Jul 20, 2015 at 6:49 AM, Carlos Rios <carlos.rios@lacity.org> wrote:

Thank you Steve.

We will need to notify our Council Office if indeed we will be dropping this project.

Joseph, can you please coordinate a meeting with CD 13?

Thanks

Carlos Rios

On Jul 17, 2015, at 3:05 PM, Steven Whiddon <steven@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

Hello!

On behalf of the Hollywood Media District BID, we would like to extend a heart-felt THANK YOU for the teamwork and good faith effort that was put into trying to make this project a reality. At this time, it is doubtful that the Media District will decide to move forward with the Wayfinding Grant & Medallions. A lot of time, energy and money was spent trying to negotiate with Cal-Trans—to no avail. At our last meeting, we discussed abandoning the project. I am awaiting an official decision from our Chair and Board of Director's and will a definitive answer by next Friday, July 24, 2015.

Thank you for staying in touch.

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On Jul 17, 2015, at 1:11 PM, Joseph Keung <joseph.keung@lacity.org> wrote:

I may not be able to attend the meeting, but just want to give you

some background info about this project. This is a Metro Call-for-project back in 2001. The scope of the project is to install wayfinding signage and gateway monument along Santa Monica Blvd between Vine Ave and La Brea Ave. After DOT received authorization to proceed with design from Caltrans, there has been several concepts regarding the signage and the gateway monument. However, since Santa Monica is a state highway, all design must be approved by Caltrans. When DOT tried to submit the conceptual design to Caltrans for approval, the gateway monument has been rejected. Also, the signage has also been limited to public entities only. As a result, if we want to move forward with the project, Caltrans must be on board on this. Also, since this is Metro Call-for-project, any change in scope must be approved by Metro as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional info. I will be happy to provide them. Thank you .



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On Fri, Jul 17, 2015 at 12:03 PM, Dan Halden

<daniel.halden@lacity.org> wrote:





Would it help to have a meeting? CD13 would like to move this forward but, since there have been different iterations/designs over the years, and it has lasted for quite some time, I am unclear as to where exactly we are at this moment.

I propose a meeting to discuss all elements of the project at the CD13 District Office (Echo Park) within the next couple of weeks. ALL: please advise if you can meet on **Friday, July 31st at 10:00 AM at the CD13 District Office, 1722 Sunset Blvd in Echo Park.**

Thanks,



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On Thu, Jul 16, 2015 at 3:46 PM, Joseph Keung

<joseph.keung@lacity.org> wrote:

I would like to follow up with this project. Are you able to get any approval from the local and state elected officials? Caltrans sent the City a notice that if the project does not have show any progress in the near future, Caltrans will start the process to take away the funding to this project. Therefore, please let me know if there is a possibility that this project could move forward. Thank you.



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On Thu, Jan 22, 2015 at 11:21 AM, Media District

<steven@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

Good Morning Joseph!

Please let this email serve as confirmation that the Hollywood Media District Property Owner's Association

intends to move forward with this project. Note - we are working closely with our local and state elected officials and staff to move this through the approval process. Without cooperation from Cal-Trans, we would be wasting everyone's time. Please stay tuned and we should have updates by beginning of March, if not sooner.

Thank you for your continued patience. Please confirm receipt.

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On Jan 20, 2015, at 7:46 AM, Joseph Keung <joseph.keung@lacity.org> wrote:

Steven,

I would like to follow up with this project. I haven't received any email or phone call from you since November 2014, so I am not sure if you have made any decision regarding this project. Please send me an email or give me a call to discuss. Thank you.



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On Mon, Nov 17, 2014 at 2:23 PM, Steven Whiddon <steven@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

Thank you! I will review the document this week. Once I feel I have digested the information, I will give you guys a call to set up a meeting to move forward.

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On Nov 17, 2014, at 10:52 AM, Joseph Keung wrote:

See attached. This one is actually dated 3/15/2012.



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On Fri, Nov 14, 2014 at 1:03 PM, Steven Whiddon <steven@mediadistrict.org>

wrote:
Rick,

Thanks for reaching out. I actually need some help in getting up to speed--starting from the very beginning of the project as I simply have not been given that information. I am happy to do a conference call with the group, or perhaps you and I can have the initial conversation prior to group call? Whatever you think is most respectful of everyone's time. I am available always on my cell. 323-60

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On Nov 11, 2014, at 7:45 PM, Rick Mayer wrote:

Hi Steve: I am Rick Mayer, Troller Mayer Associates. We prepared the plans. If you have any questions or need something else let me know.

Regards, Rick

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 11, 2014, at 3:10 PM, Steven Whiddon <steven@mediadistrict.org> wrote:

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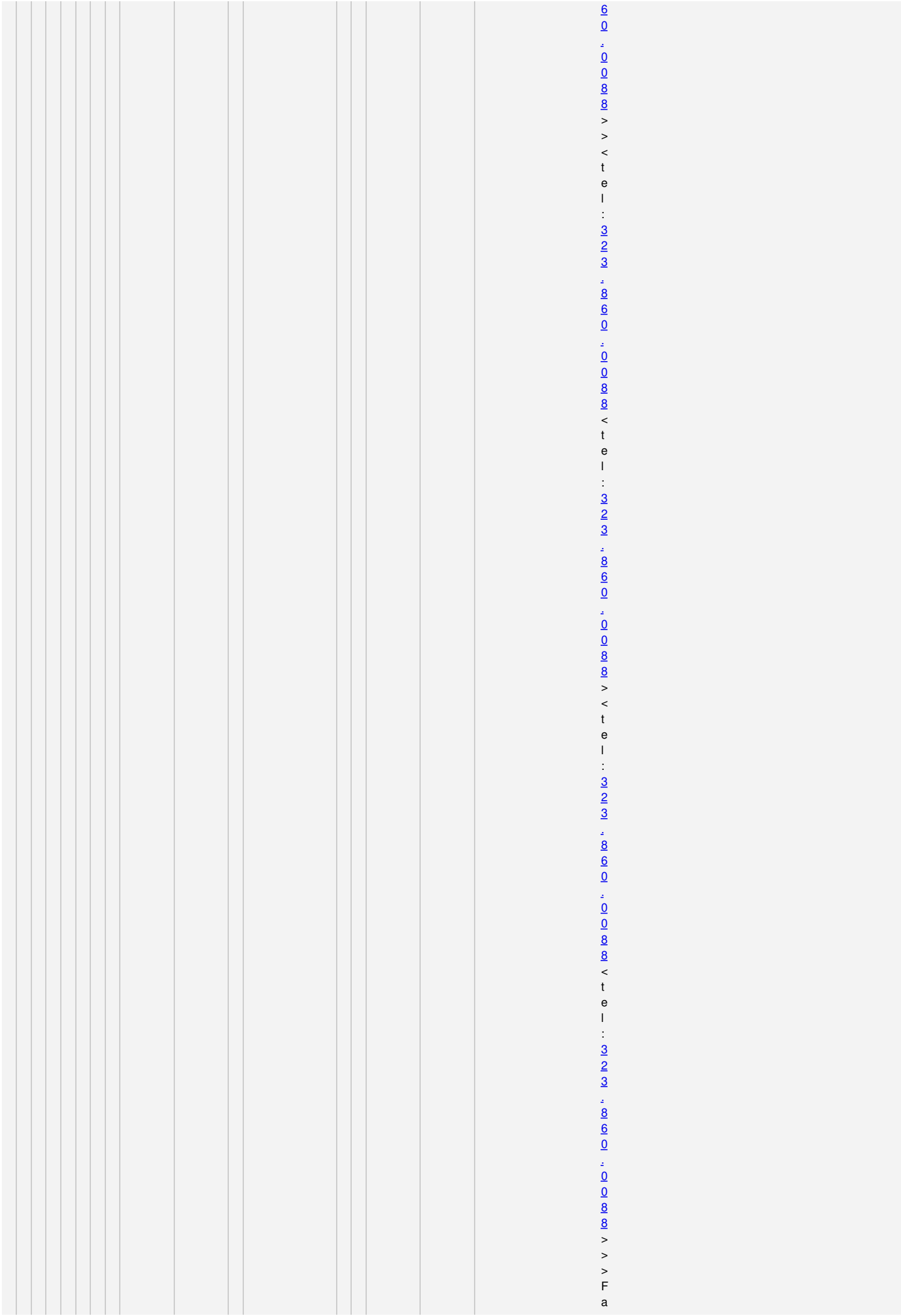
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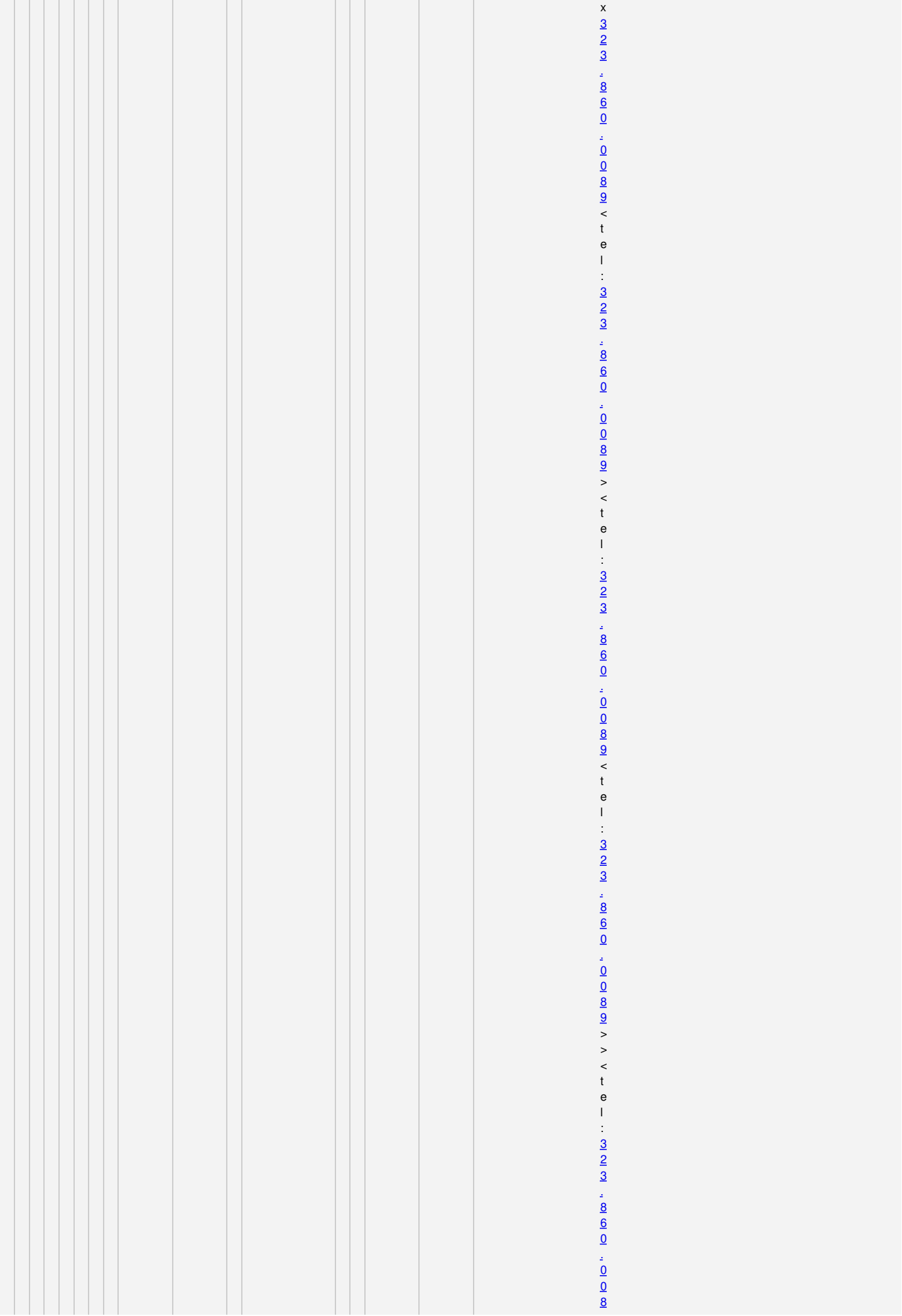
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